

REMARKS

In response to June 1, 2007 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicant has changed the claim identifiers as indicated in the Notice. Applicant hereby elects *Species A* (embodiment of Figures 2-18) without traverse, as explained below.

In particular, the May 10, 2007 election/restriction requirement holds that this application contains claims directed to more than one patentably distinct species. Specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct Species for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Species A – Figures 2-18;
Species B – Figures 19-23;
Species C – Figure 24; and
Species D – Figure 25.

Additionally, the Office Action indicates that there is no generic claim. However, Applicant respectfully asserts that at least claim 1 is a generic claim.

In response, Applicant hereby elects Species A illustrated in Figures 1-18, *without traverse*. Applicant believes claims 1-3, 6, 8, 9 and 13 read on the elected Species A. Thus, the remaining claims may be withdrawn from consideration. However, Applicant respectfully requests that these non-elected claims be rejoined in this application upon allowance of a generic and/or linking.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

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